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In re Application of :  
Jean Norvell et al :  
Application No. 09/015,616 : ON PETITION  
Filed: January 29, 1998 :  
Attorney Docket No. FA/141A :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 21, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed February 27, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on May 28, 2001.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on August 21, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1771.

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